

I write to him.
He is a worthy,
industrious, & talented
man: I wish him
every blessing
was better than
is. He suffered
a sad calamity by
the loss of the
Ocean Monarch,
poor fellow! -
Admiral Dorr
with excellent
business
everybody
Mr. Armstrong
Boston Vale

Bristol. Jan 7. 28. 1849.

Though from your prepos-
ed occupation, more probably, than mine
great as this is - we rarely interchange letters -
I have the satisfaction of seeing your hand-
writing (always so delightfully legible, &
the vehicle of so much intelligence, and just
& elevated sentiment) - whenever you do
Mr Estlin the favour of sending him one of your
interesting missives - Not long since, I
had the pleasure of perusing, I believe the last
you wrote to him, - to the equal benefit & enjoyment
of Mr Armstrong & myself. I was particularly
struck with your frank & lucid exposition of
the circumstances affecting F. Douglass, & his
Newspaper enterprise - and in every point
completely concurred in your view. Indeed
the occasion is rare in which your clear
judgment & honest mind must not carry
inesistibly with them the impressions and

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conclusions at which you yourself arrived.

I am sometimes almost envious of the privilege Mr Estlin enjoys (but has so fully entitled himself to by his unremitting—not interest only, but active engagement in—the cause to which your life is devoted) in the reception of communications so full of information, & so well adapted to ~~elaborate~~ foster & strengthen all the best sentiments of our nature.

So give myself some little claim to a like favour whenever the moment may come that you can so employ it, without prejudice to better objects—I write these few lines—to offer you my congratulations on what appears to me to augur the period, soon to arrive, when Abolitionism will occupy that culminating point to which you are labouring to bring it. Once arrived there its march will be a Descent upon the enemy—how long a battle. And there, I think, you & I may both live to see it come. Am I too sanguine in so believing, from the recent indications afforded in the proceedings of the H. of Representatives, in which

"The Cause" has so far advanced as to have
collected a vote or resolution against the extension
of Slavery into any new territory - with the further
Triumph (so I understand the matter) of a resolution
for the extinction of Slavery (or Slave Traffic - which?)
in the District of Columbia.

Of course, such slow & cautious treading as
this cannot satisfy the wishes of an abolitionist
mind; - but as indicating the advancing power
& opinion, which abolitionists are doing so
much to spread & strengthen, they must surely
be hailed as a most auspicious commencement
of a career in the right path.

In looking at this matter, one hardly knows
what to conjecture - as to the nature of the causes
which are to determine the cessation of Slavery in
the great Western Continent. The U. States would
greatly influence the more Southern powers.

And there moral conjointly with commercial
& natural ~~considerations~~ ^{causes} - would no doubt
operate considerably. But I think they must
work together. These labors must be proved to be
dear as well as wicked; - unthrifty & impolitic
as well as unrighteous; - & then (shall we say
only then?) it will disappear from
more

blighted regions! —

If any thing moral could effect a change — I
have not met with any recent contribution so
stirring & beautiful as sometimes by "Martin Farquhar
Tupper" in the Anti-Slavery Standard of Novr 16. 1848.
"Ye thirty Noble Nations" — What think you of the
Cuban question? England has claims on Spain — but
would she interfere — & have a just security on that
colony? I doubt it. Could it be kept in slavery — if

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For Rev Saml May Junr
Care of Samuel May Esq
Boston

United States —

The "Cause" continues to hold its way in the feelings
of H. of Representatives? How many questions I could
ask you! — & how many subjects I could write to you about
if cooperation engagements did not call me off. Mr Amos
strong always desires to be included in special remarks
to you — whom the writer with myself is admiring &
receiving as we do few other men. Do you know any
thing of Mr Geo Wilson the printer & stationer — formerly of New
chester? — I want